

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 11, 2008, Claims 1-32 are pending, Claims 1-32 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 1-12 and 19-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abrams et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,158,508) in view of Bean (U.S. Patent No. 3,923,504). The Examiner has objected to Claims 13-18 and 29-32 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 13-18 and 29-32 would be allowable if Claims 13 and 29 were rewritten to incorporate the limitations of Claims 11 and 12 and 26 and 28 respectively. Claims 13-18 and 29-32 have been rewritten in the manner suggested by the Examiner and are now in condition for allowance.


CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action. If the Examiner feels a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this Response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3140, under Order No. 11000060-0045 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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